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FOLLOWING USUN 674 ACTION SECSTATE INFO TEHRAN BEIRUT BY
POUCH LONDON PARIS FEB 27TH.

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BEIRUT POUCH BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: IRAQI COMPLAINT IN SC

REF: USUN 0655

1. IRANIANS THIS MORNING RECEIVED INSTRUCTION TO ACCEPT
FRENCH DRAFT CONSENSUS (REFTEL) WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS.
NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING THROUGH THE DAY BETWEEN
SC PRES AND IRANIAN AND IRAQI AMBASSADORS ON IRAN'S SUGGESTIONS
AND IRAQ'S COUNTERPROPOSALS. BY LATE AFTERNOON AGREEMENT APPEARED
VERY NEAR.

2. FOLLOWING CHANGES TO FRENCH DRAFT HAVE BEEN AGREED, AD
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REFERENDUM BY IRAQ, DEFINITELY BY IRAN.

3. A. CHANGE PARA TWO SENTENCE ONE TO READ: "THE SECURITY COUNCIL, HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF IRAQ AND IRAN REGARDING THE EVENTS REFERRED TO IN THE COMPLAINT BY IRAQ BELIEVES THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DEAL WITH A SITUATION WHICH COULD ENDANGER PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE REGION."

B. FIVE LINES BEFORE END OF PARA TWO DELETE WORDS "STRESSES" AND "THE PARTIES" AND FOR LATTER PHRASE SUBSTITUTE "ALL STATES."

C. FOUR LINES BEFORE END OF PARA 2, SUBSTITUTE "AS WELL AS" FOR "INCLUDING".

D. IN FINAL LINE OF PARA 5, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THREE RATHER THAN TWO MONTHS.

4. USSR PERM REP MALIK HAS ASKED FRENCH TO ADD "IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENT" AFTER "SECRETARY GENERAL" IN PARA 5. WE HAVE TOLD FRENCH WE COULD NOT AGREE TO THIS, AND SAW NO REASON TO ALTER TEXT ON WHICH PARTIES WERE NEARING AGREEMENT. IRANIAN PERMREP HOVEYDA TOLD AMB SCHAUFLE THAT IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON REMAINDER OF TEXT, HE WOULD PROBABLY ASK AMB MALIK NOT TO INSIST SO AS TO AVOID RE-OPENING SUBSTANCE OF DISPUTE WHICH MIGHT BE TRIGGERED BY OPEN DISAGREEMENT IN COUNCIL ON PARA 5.

5. SC PRESIDENT HAS CALLED FOR COUNCIL MEETING AT 4:00 PM TOMORROW, WITH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL MEMBERS AT 3:00 PM. FRENCH WILL PROPOSE SCENARIO IN WHICH NO ONE SPEAKS, INCLUDING PARTIES. LATTER HAVE AGREED.

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